

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch (Absent)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assist. City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utility Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Public Works Super.	-	Michael Poncik
Library Director	-	Nancy Koehl

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. **Citizen's Presentations and Comments.**<sup>1</sup>

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

4. **Discussion of Budget Workshop.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented a list of proposed capital items to Council. The list included a Police Vehicle (possibly a pickup which could be transferred to the utilities department after a few years use), a shed at the maintenance facility to be used to house police vehicles, and surveillance equipment to be funded by a grant. He also stated that they are considering the possibility of moving the fuel tanks at the maintenance yard and installing a swipe system to better keep track of fuel usage. In the Public Works Department they are considering work on storm sewers and ditches on Montezuma, at the 1200 block of Travis St., and at Burford and South River for a total estimated cost of \$19,320. The Parks Department would like to purchase a Zero Turn Mower at an estimated cost of \$12,075.

In the Utility Department Mr. Warschak proposed the purchase of a Boring Tool, AutoCAD Software, and a Sewer Machine for a total of \$63,221. Also proposed is a new water well for \$350,000 which will be paid for with a grant. Items to be paid for with 2008 Certificates of Obligation funds include water tower demolition, water well and lines connecting it to the Tait Plant, and gas system lines for \$1,252,000.

Mr. Warschak then asked Council if they had any additional items. Councilman Schonenberg stated that he would like to budget for the procurement of the right of way for the Sweetbriar Extension and also for a sidewalk on Montezuma Street.

Fire Chief, Walter Glaeser, told Council that some repairs are needed at the Fire Station. The roof has some leaks and the gutter on the North side needs to be repaired or taken down. He said that the department was in good shape as far as vehicles goes.

Library Director, Nancy Koehl, said that the library has been dealing with internet service that is slow or down. A discussion of the various options to resolve the problem followed.

Mayor Dungen stated that he sees these as basic items. Councilman Rankin asked about the age of the fleet and if the bucket truck that was converted from a fire truck could be painted. A discussion of the various options for the bucket truck followed. These options, including painting the current truck and placing the current bucket on a different truck, will be further explored.

Mayor Dungen stated that the next budget workshop would be Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

5. **Items from Councilmembers.**<sup>2</sup>

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

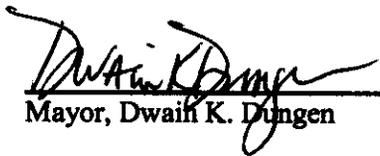
Mayor Dungen – no comment

6. **Announcements.**

None.

7. **Adjournment.**

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Ezell, City Secretary

<sup>1</sup>During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items, which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

<sup>2</sup>Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.